



IRISH NEWS

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We devote much space in our paper to-day, to the able and eloquent oration of Thomas Mooney, Esq., on Saint Patrick's Day. The day was splendid for out-door movements, and all the Irish societies and military companies turned out with full numbers and in grand style, to celebrate and honor it. In the evening a dinner at the Occidental, and two or three balls, concluded the celebration. We will give a more extended and minute account of the whole affair in our next.

THANKS—To Hon. S. B. Axtell, our California member of Congress, for valuable public documents forwarded by him to the IRISH NEWS office.

Governor H. H. Haight wants six months' leave of absence, to visit the Eastern States.

Dave Buel, recently Democratic candidate for the Governorship of Nevada, and who has an office in London for the sale of mines, is reported to be on his way from Chicago to Austin, with \$1,000,000, the proceeds of mines sold by him in Europe.

We are pleased to notice that the Board has elected that worthy lady, Mrs. Wm. Carey Jones, to be one of the Teachers in the Normal Training School. Mrs. J. is an estimable and accomplished lady, and the Department is honored by her becoming one of its members.—Call.

London, March 9.—The Morning Post says he following is the plan presented by the Government in relation to Ireland: 1st. Consideration of the Church question shall be postponed until a Commission on the Irish Church Establishment, already appointed, shall have made a report. 2d. Another Commission shall be appointed to inquire into the relations between the landlords and tenants in Ireland. 3d. The Irish roads shall be subsidized by the Government.

There is no decrease in England of the Fenian panic. A correspondent, writing from London, says:

The bitterness between the Irish and English increased daily, and that a conflict cannot be averted. There are now in England over 100,000 born Irishmen, besides women and children. Counting the men of recent Irish descent, there are probably 300,000. These do most of the rough work of the country. There are 17,000 Irishmen over twenty years old in London 20,000 Liverpool, 10,000 in Manchester, counting only those born in Ireland. But the third generation born here is as Irish as the immigrants. They compete with the English aside more than an equal number of Englishmen. They hold their own because they had rather fight than not. This Irish spirit cannot be stamped out. Kussia may be able to change the language and religion of a people, and transplant them by hundred thousand from one part of the vast empire to another to scatter and absorb a troublesome nation; but England cannot do it. She has tried to depopulate Ireland, to convert it, to make it English or Scotch, or anything but Irish; but so far in vain. The Irish are there, just as ever; the Catholics are there, more Catholic than ever. There is another Ireland growing up in England, and still a greater Ireland beyond the seas. Even the army, the Irish half of it, is beginning to feel the infection.

In the case of A. J. Stevenson, John Dwyer, John Devine, and James Golden, charged with kidnapping Martha McDonald, with intent to remove her out of the country, by way of Mission Creek, to the other side of Jordan or somewhere else, Judge Dwinnell yesterday afternoon, after determining to transfer the defendants to some other Magistrate for examination, fixed Stevenson's bail at \$10,000, and that of and Golden at \$5,000 each. Dwyer was not present in the Court. Stevenson gave his bail and was released. The Judge then ordered the officer to take the prisoners before the nearest and most acceptable Magistrate. They were accordingly taken before Judge Provores, who released Devine on his own recognizance, as there are strong probabilities that twing to his confinement in jail at one time of the alleged kidnapping, he did not, at least immediately, participate in the transaction. Judge Provores fixed two o'clock, P. M., of Monday next, for hearing the matter. It is intimated that Dwyer, having taken offence at Mr. Stevenson about something, gave the information that caused the arrests to be made, and that he will be used as State's evidence. [Call.]

Emigration from Ireland to New York has suddenly and greatly increased.

The following is taken from the New York correspondence of the San Francisco Bulletin:

Can a Fenian be a *Bona Fide Citizen of the United States?*

This question is started by the *Evening Post*, which maintains that if the Irish Republic is a verity and not a myth, all parties who have sworn allegiance to it have thereby renounced their allegiance to all to other countries, and consequently are not entitled to the protection of such other countries. The argument is so plausible that it is strange it was not advanced before.

Evidently the Fenians themselves have never had the slightest suspicion that, in swearing allegiance to a government whose headquarters are established in Ireland, and in accepting the bonds of such government as genuine and legal money, they were renouncing their claim to the protection of the United States.

Although the question is but newly broached here, it is hardly possible that it has escaped the acumen of the law officers of the British Crown, or that Mr. Seward has not long ago had his attention directed to it, either by intuition or by suggestions from the other side. [But there are upwards of 100 American citizens in British jails—according to Lord Maccles's recent report in the House of Lords—imprisoned on mere suspicion of being connected with Fenianism; All these men want a trial, to prove that they are no Fenians, and here is where American protection is claimed.—Ed. I. N.]

The renewed and extended efforts, therefore, of the Fenians to compel the United States Government to extend its protection to them in foreign countries is not likely to succeed.

Protection to American Citizens abroad is a principle which our Government should and undoubtedly will maintain at all hazards; but, if Fenians are not American citizens—what then? I doubt not but that, if the British Government can only obtain positive proof that George Francis Train is really what he frequently boasted of being, namely, a full-blooded Fenian, the career in England of that frothy individual will be summarily ended. At the Fenian meeting last week at Cleveland, which was addressed by Gen. John O'Neil, Col. Walsh and other prominent leaders, the speakers pledged 100,000 Fenians to the American Government in the event of a war with England. When that event happens it will bring with it the day of "England's tribulation and Ireland's opportunity," and then will be the time for Fenians to strike an effective blow for the liberation of the Green Isle. 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